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Help is still needed for the Rotary Club of Belleville effort to package more than 100,000 meals during the 9th annual Feed the World Day 2018 Saturday.

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Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist said by Oct. 23 his office had issued 12,501 absentee ballots from 67,375 registered voters for the Nov. 6 election.

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Inkster Legends Founder and Director Fred Smiley and his volunteers are concentrating their efforts on their annual Christmas effort to help local families.

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Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said she expects turnout to be about 79 percent of the voters who voted in the presidential election in 2016.

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The ballot proposal to fund the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex has become one of the most contentious issues facing voters in both the city and township.

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Romulus voters will be asked to approve a ballot proposal to provide funding for fire and police service in the city, a crucial need according to Mayor LeRoy Burcroff.

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Voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools District will be asked to approve a school bond for building/maintenance issues.

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Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc expects a large turnout next Tuesday and his office is prepared to handle the anticipated crowds.

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Next Tuesday, residents across the state will have the unique opportunity to make choices about the future of their community, their schools, public safety and their representation in Washington, D.C. While every election is characterized as crucial and important, those words have never been more apt than this balloting. We urge every registered voter, without exception, to get to the polls and vote. There is no valid excuse, other than perhaps physical limitations, that excuses any citizen from getting to the polls at whatever inconvenience or constraint.

Yes, voting is a privilege fought and died for and yes, it is a sacred right denied to many across the globe. But at this juncture in the history of our country, our state and our community, it is your duty as an American. Your vote is a debt you owe to this country to pay for the freedoms and rights you enjoy. Throughout the pages of this edition, readers will find details about local issues and below begins a general recap of issues and candidates on the ballot Nov. 6. We urge voters seeking more information about candidates or issues to use the resources listed.

Your vote is more important now than ever—we cannot urge you strongly enough to let your voice be heard.

VOTE TUESDAY, NOV. 6.

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township Clerk Jerry Vorva is among city and township officials preparing for the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general election. The deadline has already expired for registration to vote in this election.

Those registered can vote on an absentee ballot obtained at the local municipal city or township clerk's office. An application for an absentee ballot must be submitted to that clerk no later than 2 p.m. the Saturday before the election.

Vorva said about 5,500 Plymouth Township absentee ballots had been requested by Oct. 17, on track with the 2016 presidential election.

"That means it's a big turnout," said Vorva. "The parties are out there beating the bushes. The parties are doing their work to get people to think about this election."

Vorva said that presidential elections usually have the strongest pull, with some 6,500 absentees in his township for 2016. He said in-person voting is still an unknown, but will possibly "come real close or eclipse the 2016."

Vorva cites the Michigan governor race between Republican Bill Schuette and Democrat Gretchen Whitmer, the U.S. Senate race and the Congressional opening created by incumbent David Trott opting not to seek re-election.

The governor's race also has Libertarian Bill Gelineau and US Taxpayers hopeful Todd Schleiger.

Vorva said voters can educate themselves, "to read about candidates or come see them speak. That's always beneficial to the electorate." He added his office and other municipal clerks work to assist in "their fundamental right to exercise their franchise. That's foremost in our mind."

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has print guides and online sources (www.lwvmi.org, its state website and the LWV of Northwest Wayne County website of www.LWVnorthwestwayne.org.) The email address for the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is lwvmail@yahoo.com .

The League of Women Voters doesn't endorse candidates, and is focused on voter information.

The voter guides the organization prepared this year are available at public libraries and the online version of the LWV Voter Guide is also accessible at www.VOTE411.org.

The League of Women Voters prints candidate responses as received, including misspellings, and has asked candidates questions including education and economic policy.

A major change in Nov. 6 voting is not permitting straight party ticket votes between Democratic and Republican candidates.

MICHIGAN SENATE DISTRICT 5

Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster

The State Senate District 5 race pits Republican DeShawn Wilkins, who did respond, against Democrat Betty Jean Alexander, who didn't respond, as well as Larry Betts of Working Class party, who did answer.

MICHIGAN SENATE DISTRICT 6

Westland, Romulus, Taylor

The Michigan Senate District 6 six-year term vote is between Democrat Brenda Jones (who didn't respond to the LWV) and Democrat Erika Geiss (who did respond).

MICHIGAN SENATE DISTRICT 7

Livonia, Plymouth, Wayne

In the Michigan State Senate District 7 race, Republican Laura Cox is facing Democratic challenger Dayna Polehanki. Both of them answered the LWV questions about the six-year term, as did Libertarian candidate Joseph H. LeBlanc.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

DISTRICT 11

Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, parts of Livonia, Westland

The Michigan House of Representatives District 11 (two-year term) race is between Republican James Townsend and Democratic incumbent Jewell Jones, both of whom answered the LWV questionnaire.

DISTRICT 16

Westland, part of Wayne

Voters also will chose in Michigan House of Representatives/District 16 between Democrat Kevin Coleman, who responded, and the GOP candidate Jody Rice-White, who didn't.

DISTRICT 20

Northville, Plymouth, Canton

In the Michigan House of Representatives District 20, a two-year term, incumbent Republican Jeff Noble didn't respond to the LWV whereas Democratic challenger Matt Koleszar did.

DISTRICT 21

Canton, Belleville, Van Buren Township

Incumbent Democrat Kristy Pagan of the Michigan House of Representatives District 21 faces Republican Darian Moore. Republican Moore didn't respond to the LWV request for information, while Pagan did respond. A lawsuit currently questions Pagan's actual primary residence, claiming her husband has listed Ann Arbor property as their primary residence on tax documents. *(See page 6.)*

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

City of Northville voters will decide on a 10-year road repair millage that requests an additional .9787 mill in funding for road improvements. The request is expected to produce a $3,050,000 street improvement bond that would be paid over 10 years. City officials said if the measure is approved, the proposal would cost the average Northville homeowner $137 each year over the 10-year period of the bond's issuance for a $280,000 home with a $140,000 taxable value. The money would also go strictly toward the improvement of roads and potentially a few sidewalks, officials said.

CITY AND TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth have the Recreational Authority Proposal for the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex of downtown Plymouth, It has generated debate on repurposing the former Central Middle School. *(See page 3.)*

Plymouth Township is also seeking a public safety millage described as crucial for the area. *(See page 5.)*

PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Plymouth District Library Board candidates are unopposed, as is the Schoolcraft College Board. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools voters will decide on a six-year term, voting for one person, as well as a partial school board term.

For the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education 6-year term (vote for one), Leonardo Savage did respond while Anupam Chugh Sidhu didn't.

For the 2-year term on the school board, (vote for one), Aamina Ahmed responded to the LWV while John T. Lazarowicz didn't.

The **PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD** candidates are unopposed

CITY OF ROMULUS

City of Romulus police and fire officials have shared information on their public safety millage, one of many in Wayne County and elsewhere. Romulus Police Chief Jadie Settles notes narcotics unit needs corresponding to the statewide marijuana initiative Nov. 6 and the dramatically increased demand for service in the department. The proposal seeks 4-mills annually for five years to be utilized strictly for fire and police services. The average taxable value of a house in Romulus is $38,355, making the annual cost of the 4-mill tax increase about $153 for homeowners, officials said. According to city officials, fire and police services make up more than two-thirds of the general fund budget. Viewing public safety as a vital service that government provides, Mayor LeRoy Burcroff said failure to approve the millage increase would lead to cuts in funding for both services. By law, the millage funds could only be used to fund police and fire services. *(See page 7.)*

VAN BUREN SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Four candidates have filed for the three available seats on the Van Buren Schools Board of Education including Dionne Falconer, Incumbent Darlene Loyer Gerick, Calvin H. Hawkins and Amy Pearce.

CITY OF WAYNE

For City of Wayne mayor, John P. Rhaesa, who was unopposed until last week, responded to the questionnaire regarding the two-year term. Christopher Sanders, who was removed from the mayoral ballot by court order, filed as a write-in candidate on Wednesday. Sanders was recalled from the city council during a special election in May. Rhaesa challenged Sanders' candidacy in court based on unpaid fees totaling about $4,000 still owed to Wayne County from previous Sanders' campaigns. *(See Page 6)*

For Wayne City Council/Ward 4 (four-year term), neither Brian Ewanciw nor Anthony Wayne Miller answered the LWV questionnaire.

For Wayne City Council/Ward 5 (two-year term), neither Eric Cleeman nor Kelly Skiff responded to the LWV.

For Wayne City Council/Ward 6 (two-year term), Philip A. Wagner answered the LWV

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questionnaire while Christopher Gietzen did not.

Wayne City Council responses are also available through the LWV

WAYNE WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS voters will weigh in Nov. 6 on a school bond for building/maintenance issues, including better conditions for children with illnesses such as asthma in classrooms and newer school buses. Jenny Johnson, the district director of communications, has noted school buses are passing Michigan State Police inspections but have many miles on them as they transport some 8,000 students both ways daily. *(See page 6.)*

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Schoolcraft College has a millage restoration on the ballot. The board of trustees voted to place a Headlee override on the ballot which would essentially restore the millage levied by the college from the current 1.7766 mills to 2.27 mills, the original amount determined back in the 1980s. If approved, homeowners who own a home valued at $200,000 would pay an additional $50 per year from the amount they currently pay.

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees candidates are unopposed.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE is seeking approval Nov. 6 to combine and continue two voter-approved tax plans set to expire in future years. Specifically, the two millage rates would be combined for a total 3.24 mills ($3.24 for each $1,000 of assessed property value). If approved, the measure would not increase the rate currently paid and property owners would face no difference in the rate taxed. By locking down the millage rates - rather than implement expirations scheduled for 2020 and 2022 - college officials say they can better plan and manage a path into the next half-century.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION

In the 10th District Republican Joe Barone, the incumbent, and Democratic challenger Melissa Daub both responded to the LWV request. In the Commission's 9th District, incumbent Terry Marecki, a Republican, responded; E. Jason Blankenship, a Democrat, didn't.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Election Day; your municipal clerk's office can help with voting locations, as well as assistance for handicapped voters.

Write-in voting is permitted in Michigan, with details in the League of Women Voters sources of information.

Some people have expressed concerns this year related to the change from straight party ticket voting.

On Nov. 6, Michigan voters must choose a candidate in each individual partisan race: non-partisan elections, such as judges and school boards, will, as in the past, also require a voter to choose individual candidates (or multiple candidates if the race requires).

Voting information available online

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has posted non-partisan Voter Guides on VOTE411.org, the on-line, one-stop shop for retrieving candidate and ballot proposal information, finding polling places and checking voting hours. From judges to school boards to state senators and representatives, VOTE411.org contains voter guides for all state, federal, county and local candidates in the Nov. 6 election. Also included is the language for the three state ballot proposals and numerous local proposals.

Print copies of the Voter Guide are also available at all public libraries, and the voter guides can also be accessed from LWVnorthwestwayne.org. Videos of candidate forums for school boards, county offices and state and judicial offices can also be found on the website, as well as a presentation about the three state ballot proposals.

The League is a non-partisan, public service organization that never supports or opposes any candidate, but works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 15, 2018 for the following:

PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION - PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 19, 2018 in the ***First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

ALRIG DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RESTAURANT WITH DRIVE THROUGH AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B5 FOR PARCEL NO. 039 99 007 010 (44750 FORD). Property is located north of Ford between Sheldon and Canton Center Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, November 15, 2018 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Greg Greene, Chairman
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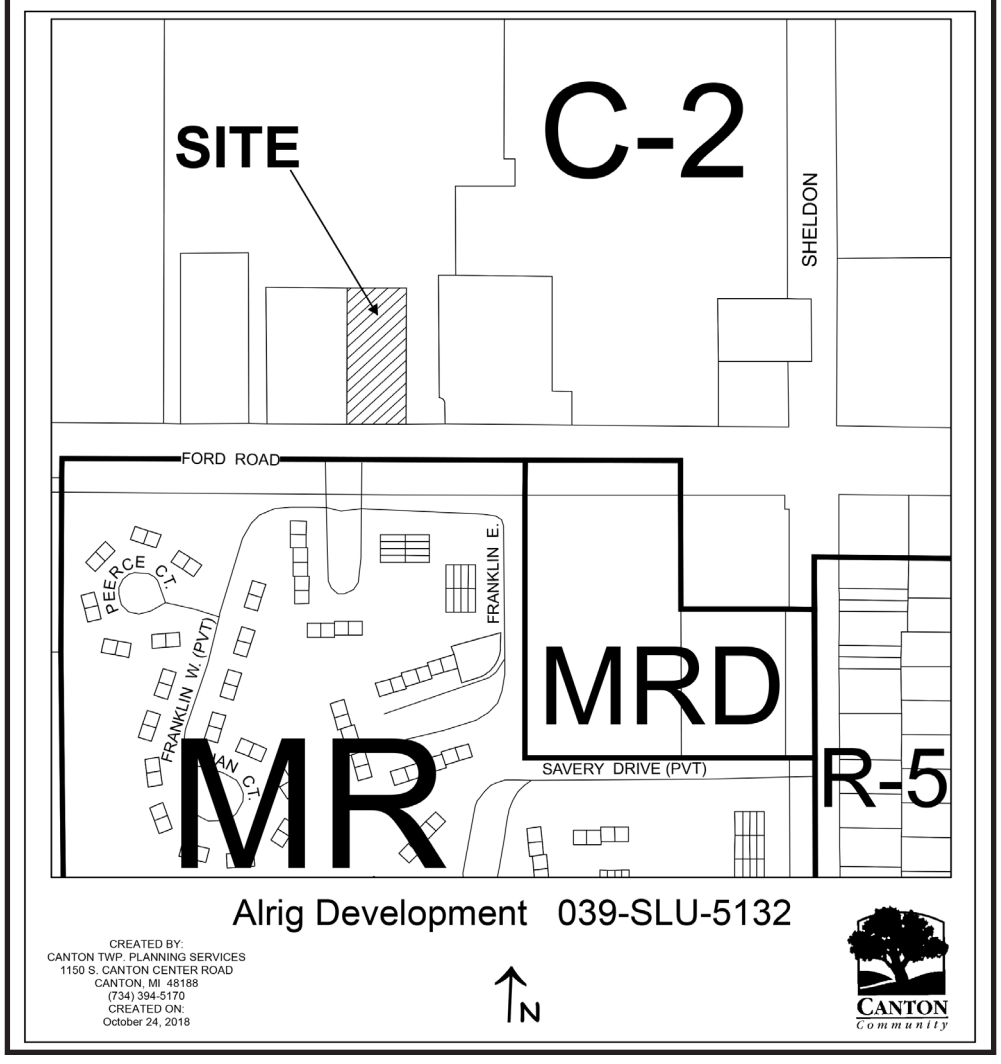

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – October 23, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Deputy Director – Baugh, Manager of Legal Services & Contract Administration - Kolb Staff Absent: Director Meier Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to move from open to closed session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Motion carried unanimously. Roll Call Vote: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Ayes: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None **Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation (LePage VS. Canton Township) Closed Session to Discuss Confidential Legal Opinion** Supervisor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Trumbull, Deputy Director Fire-Stoecklein, Manager of Legal Services & Contract Administration - Kolb, Deputy Director Leisure Services - LaFever Staff Absent: Director Meier **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of the Minutes** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the minutes of October 9, 2018 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, commented on issues regarding road repairs at Palmer and Lilley Roads, on Geddes Road, township protocol regarding anonymous phone calls to Public Safety. **Payment of the Bills:** Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **RECOGNITION: R-1. Canton Leisure Services – CAPRA Reaccreditation.** Director Hohenberger with Deputy Director LaFever acknowledge Canton Leisure Services receipt of reaccreditation from CAPRA. This is awarded every 5 years and it is the 4th consecutive recognition the township has received since 2004. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to enter the recognition into the public record. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Consider Approval of 2019 Building Board of Appeals Meeting Dates. (MSD.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to establish the Canton Township's Building Board of Appeals meeting schedule for the year 2019. Meetings will be scheduled as needed and will be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-2. Consider Approval of 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Dates. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to establish the Canton Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting schedule for the year 2018 as follows: Second Thursday of each month: January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-3. Consider Re-Appointments to the Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman that the Canton Board of Trustees re-appoint Ms. Dawn Zuber to the Planning Commission, (term to expire December 31, 2021) and Mr. Craig Engel to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, (terms to expire on December 31, 2021).Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-4. Consider Reappointment of Greg Demopoulos as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to reappoint Mr. Greg Demopoulos to the Zoning Board of Appeals, (term to expire December 31, 2021). Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Consider approval of an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with Hemming, Polaczyk, Cronin, Witthoff, Bennett & Demopoulos, P.C. (Legal)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with Hemming, Polaczyk, Cronin, Witthoff, Bennett & Demopoulos, P.C. to increase the hourly billing rate by $10.00/hour over the next two years, and I further authorize the Township Supervisor to sign same. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of the Final Planned Development for Wellington on the Willow. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to pass the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Approval of the Final Planned Development for Wellington on the Willow WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor has requested approval of a Final Planned Development for Wellington on The Willow, located on the east side of Lotz Road and south of Ford Road; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the final; conceptual development plan and development agreement made a recommendation to approve the request as it meets the criteria for a planned development, fulfills an identified need and results in definite benefits to the community; **WHEREAS,** the Final Planned Development is also consistent with the Statement of Conditions and conceptual plan approved as part of the Conditional Rezoning of the property to R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential in November, 2016; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request for a Final Planned Development for the Wellington on the Willow proposed on tax parcel #s 049-99-0001-712, 049-99-0001-713, 049-99-0001-714, and 049-99-0001-716 as proposed, subject to any and all applicable state and local development regulations. **Item G-3. Consider Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for Road Improvements to Hanford and Saltz Roads. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the attached model resolution and the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for the road improvements to Hanford and Saltz Roads. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the agreement on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously. Director Faas explained this action is approve the $388,000 (which is coming from the County) and the $97,000 match to come from Canton Township funds. **Item G-4. Consider Award of a Contract to Spalding DeDecker Associates for the Program Consultant for the 2019 Road Improvement Program. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve two (2) purchase order contracts with Spalding DeDecker Associates for the program consultant services and local road program in the amount of $209,920 under the Professional Services Agreement. The first purchase order is for 2018 expenses in an amount not-to-exceed $150,000 and the second purchase order is for 2019 for the reminder of $59,920. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-5. Consider Award of a Purchase Order Contract to Bell Equipment Company for an Envirosight Jetscan Video Nozzle as Bid through the State of Michigan MI-DEAL Purchasing Program. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to award a purchase order contract to the Bell Equipment Company for an amount of $16,943.88 for an Envirosight Jetscan video nozzle as bid through the State of Michigan MI-DEAL Purchasing Program. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-6. Consider Authorization of Permit for Private Fireworks Display at BAPS Hindu Temple. (PSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve a fireworks display permit to BAPS Hindu Temple/American Fireworks Company, at 8:30 p.m., on Sunday, November 4, 2018, on the vacant property located at 3339 S. Canton Center Road. Motion carried unanimously. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bob Parker, 6806 Weathersfield, asked for details on projected repairs from item G-3 as well as neighborhood roads repairs. Director Faas explained more details would be given at the November 27th Board Session at 6:00 p.m. **OTHER:** Trustee Graham-Hudak commented on the success of the Fire Open House. She also complimented Treasurer Slavens for handling the Coffee Hour on Saturday October 20, 2018. Treasurer Slavens commented on the EEF Showcase of Grants taking place on October 24, 2018; Not in Our Town at the Village Theater; and finally the Trick or Treat Parade taking place on Friday October 26th. Clerk Siegrist commented on the General Election taking place on November 6th. There is still a large amount of absentee ballots that are still not returned to the Clerk's Office. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
___Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk ___Pat Williams, Supervisor

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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PLYMOUTH

Voters to decide future of PARC

Voters in both Plymouth and Plymouth Township will decide the fate of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex housed in the former Central Middle School Nov. 6.

While the ballot proposal asking voters to approve .75 of a mill to support the arts complex, known as PARC, seems straightforward, it has become one of the most contentious and divisive issues facing Plymouth voters.

Supporters of the proposed project, including preservationists Mark and Patty Malcolm, have invested more than $3.5 million into the purchase of the former Central Middle School with more than $7 million pledged in donations, grants and private contributions for the project, estimated to cost about $30 million. The facility has drawn numerous non-profit arts groups now housed in the building, including the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra, The College for Creative Studies and Friends of the Rouge along with about 30 other arts and recreation groups, who have leased offices in the building. A preschool is set to open next year in the facility and theater arts classes are available, along with pottery and multiple other art disciplines.

The proposed millage will be used to construct an 800-seat performance auditorium on the site and upgrade and renovate the building facilities. President of PARC Don Soenen has expressed his confidence in the plan and the financial viability of the project, as have both city and township officials.

"The theater has to be a part of the project for it to be successful," Soenen said. He explained that the cost of the theater is $15 million and that the PARC already owns the property which was purchased from the Plymouth Canton Community School District following a professional evaluation and assessment of the land and buildings. The Malcolms, whose preservation efforts of the former Plymouth Post Office building recently won a state award, purchased an option on the property at a cost of $3,350,000 which the couple then donated to PARC. There have been multiple other private donations in support of the facility, Soenen said, including $1 million from the Wilcox Foundation. The balance of the funding from the millage will be used to pay for renovations and repairs to the school, built in 1916.

"The Wilcox Foundation donation should convince people of the viability of this project. They do not take any investment lightly and thoroughly investigated every aspect of the proposal," Soenen said.

Despite gossip and claims to the contrary, Soenen said, the purchase documents, appraisals and financial documentation prove the legitimacy of the purchase price.

"We've conducted two independent studies and both the township board of trustees and the city commission have thoroughly reviewed our plans," Soenen said.

He adamantly denied the claims of the anti-PARC groups that this is some for-profit or money making scheme for himself or the Malcolms, characterizing it as malicious gossip and completely untrue.

Soenen said there is small group of opponents to the project who are using divisive and untrue tactics to persuade the public that PARC and the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Authority (PARA) are attempting to perpetuate some untoward scheme on taxpayers.

"This is a straightforward effort to promote arts and recreation for the city and township. These people are using social media to spread untruths and have gone so far as to threaten baseless lawsuits about the purchase of the property. They have used scare tactics to attempt to convince people this is some unlimited tax, which it is not. It is absolutely limited to exactly what is on the ballot," he said.

Soenen said he had no confirmation and could not speak to the motives of several of the strongest opponents of the issue, but was well aware of the political ambitions which have been rumored as the motivation for the overt hostility and tactics of opponents.

> *We've conducted two independent studies and both the township board of trustees and the city commission have thoroughly reviewed our plans.*

Misleading mailers titled "Notice of Property Tax Increase were delivered to area residents from "The Office of Tax Collection and Enforcement, One Plymouth Drive, Plymouth Michigan 48170" recently. Supporters are incensed at this tactic which contains, they said, misleading and false information presented in a manner contrived to misinform and alarm voters.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said he filed a complaint with the U.S. Postal Service against the group listed as the sender of the fake tax notice.

"I believe this is a fraudulent document and this is mail fraud. These people have tried to imitate a government agency," Heise said.

Opponents of the project did not return calls seeking comments.

"My door is always open. The opposition has never asked questions. I've pleaded for a face-to-face meeting but no one has come forward," Soenen said.

He suggested residents with questions or concerns about the project or the millage, call him at (734) 927-4090.

(Staff writer Don Howard contributed to this story.)

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Central Middle School, formerly the Plymouth High School, closed its doors in 2015.
The property was secured on behalf of PARC, Inc. by Mark and Patty Malcolm.
Since that time PARC has demonstrated the need for and financial viability
of a community arts, education, and recreation center in downtown Plymouth.
This is an opportunity for Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth to further develop this historic asset into a complex that will serve to promote the health and well-being of all residents while increasing the quality of life and property values for the Greater Plymouth Community.

We enthusiastically support PARC and encourage voters to make an informed decision on the November 6, 2018 Recreational Authority ballot initiative.

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Dan Smith
Brian Chermside
Robert Schwartz
Walter Menard
Fred Hill
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PLYMOUTH

Township seeking public safety millage OK

Plymouth Township voters will decide whether to fund the replacement of a nearly 30-year-old fire truck and bring police department staffing up to the levels recommended as adequate by the International Association of Chiefs of Police with a millage question on the Nov. 6 ballot.

The millage question, asking for 1.2 mills for 16 years will be on the Plymouth Township Nov. 6 ballot. The millage, if approved will generate $2.1 million for the first year, allowing the township to replace antiquated equipment, maintain the facilities, pay retirement obligations and increase staffing to adequate levels.

If approved, homeowners would see a tax increase of $1.20 for every $1.000 of taxable value, which is usually half of the market value of the property. As an example, the owner of a $300,000 home would see an annual increase of about $180.

According to township officials, there are only 21 firefighters serving the community, three fewer than the minimum recommended staffing. A federal grant will allow the hiring of three firefighters, although Fire Chief Dan Phillips noted that he has lost three firefighters recently to communities that offer better pay and benefits.

> *"Clinton told the board of trustees that this millage is the bare minimum amount necessary to keep the township "going in the right direction."*

Phillips added that of the three front-line vehicles, one fire truck is almost 30-years-old and the other is nearly 27-years old and the equipment needs upgrading to provide basic service to the community. Parts for the vehicles are no longer made, Phillips said.

The township does not have a tower truck which allows firefighters to reach the upper floors of buildings. A state grant is helping the township purchase a needed pumper truck, but the other truck and a 13-year-old ambulance need replaced.

Police Chief Tom Tiderington agreed with Phillips about recruiting officers. His police force currently consists of only 29 officers, 20-30 fewer than the recommended staffing of 50-60 recommended by public safety experts for the township population. He said he was aware of two officers currently seeking work with other departments that offer more attractive pay and benefits.

Tiderington said his department must constantly repair and replace vehicles and the life of a squad car is only two to three years as they are in constant service and on the road.

Treasurer Mark Clinton suggested the millage explaining that during the recession, property tax revenue in the township fell by about 20 percent.

Clinton told the board of trustees that this millage is the bare minimum amount necessary to keep the township "going in the right direction."

'Murder He Wrote'

Former publisher releases 2nd in series of novels

W. Edward Wendover, the former publisher of The Plymouth-Canton Community Crier, admits that everything in his second book of The Michigan Prepositional Murders is "101 percent alternative facts (lies)."

Wendover said this second murder mystery, Murder By Lansing Kool-Aid, begins with the fatal stabbing of the Michigan Speaker of the House in the Capitol Dome. Next, the Speaker Heir apparent is found dead in his office at the House Office Building.

Ed and Sally Wendover

While the Michigan State Police are racing to solve the two deaths, a well-meaning anonymous House staffer (known only as "Reply All") keeps blasting out new clues, beating the police at every turn.

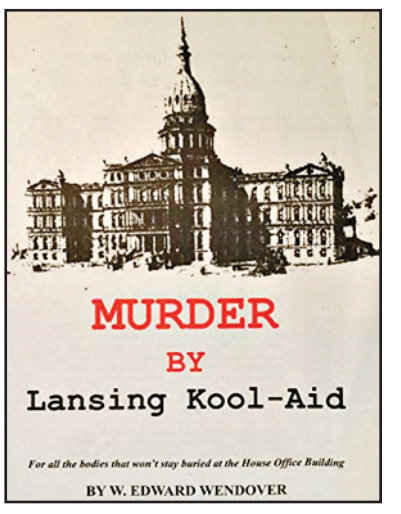
An attack on the term limited next-in-line for the Speaker's job sets Lansing in a tizzy, as the plot progresses.

"Buy the book and LOL," Wendover, a former chief of staff at the Michigan House who published the local Plymouth Canton newspaper for 26 years from an office on Penniman Street, said.

"Several dozen former and current Michigan politicians, lobbyists, staffers, press corps members and friends will be surprised to see their names actually used in this historical fiction," Wendover said. "It's all a fun spoof-based on State House shenanigans and voters' oft-quoted desire to kill the knuckleheads in their Legislature."

As in the first book in the murder series, this novel contains 34 recipes mixed with the clues. It also features, Wendover claims, the most unique cause of death in the last 138,326 published English-language murder mysteries.

The recipe, Wendover said, is included.



The book also includes a sampling of the third book in the series, Murder of Crows, which begins with a murderous discovery detailed by a fictional Cadillac newspaper.

The e-book, Murder by Lansing Kool-Aid, Wendover said, is now available on Amazon Kindle.

The former publisher and his wife, Sally, now reside in Cadillac but have recently been on a motor tour across the country.

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Unfortunately, unless we act by supporting the Public Safety Millage on the ballot in November, our community won't have the resources to maintain our current personnel staffing levels for fire, police, and dispatch employees.

The good news is that despite already paying the lowest millage rate in the area, the cost of the public safety millage won't change that. Specifically, this proposal would cost 1.2 Mills per year ($1.20 per $1000 of taxable value), slightly increasing household takes by an average of $155 per year.

LOCAL TAX RATES

OUR RATE 4 PROPOSED MILLAGE

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE 15

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- Ensuring we have proper staffing levels to keep Plymouth Township Safe
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For more information about the public safety millage find us on Facebook at **plymouthfirstresponders**

Canton

Canton clerk anticipates 50-60 percent turnout

Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist said by Oct. 23 his office had issued 12,501 absentee ballots form the registered voters in the township eligible to vote Nov. 6.

Siegrist said he and his staff have not heard of any particular races or issues at his office counter that seem to be generating more interest than others on the ballot.

"Three statewide ballot proposals are drawing interest," along with the open races for governor, secretary of state and attorney general, which have no incumbents, he noted.

Siegrist added the 11th District Congressional race is competitive.

"Absentee voter turnout in the last two gubernatorial elections (2010, 2014) was around 9,000. We are looking at a potential 40 percent increase in turnout for AVs. This has the potential to be the highest turnout gubernatorial year general election in decades."

He cited "a roughly 60 percent increase in AVs in the primary, so the trend of increases in absentee voters is consistent.

> *Many statewide analysts are expecting four million voters statewide which would be roughly 54 percent of registered voters.*

The turnout in the primary was a 147 percent increase over 2016 primary, 97 percent increase in turnout over the 2014 primary, 101 percent increase over the 2012 primary, and a 90 percent increase in turnout over the 2010 primary."

The anticipated voter turnout across the state, Siegrist said, is expected to be heavy.

"Many statewide analysts are expecting four million voters statewide which would be roughly 54 percent of registered voters. Turnout in 2014 was 42.8 percent, turnout in 2010 was 44.9 percent. In Canton it was 48 percent, and 49 percent. Canton could very easily see turnout of 60 percent in this election, which is what the absentee vote numbers are hinting at."

Canton voters can go to VoteCanton.org to view a sample ballot and find their precinct. Voters can also go to Vote411.org and view information provided by the League of Women Voters about each candidate, Siegrist said.

Lawsuit challenges incumbent's Canton residency

A lawsuit filed by Canton Township resident Ace Kent Herbert claims that current state Rep. Kristy Pagan has defrauded the electorate and is not a resident of the 21st District, a requirement for the office she has held for two terms.

Pagan is being challenged by first-time candidate Darian Moore, a Republican, who has lived in Canton for more than 23 years.

Herbert's lawsuit claims that Pagan, a Democrat, has claimed an Ann Arbor address as her primary residence on tax filings by her husband taking a $2600 Homestead Tax Credit. Pagan and her husband listed the Ann Arbor address as the primary residence on the mortgage application of the $450,000 property, Herbert claims in his suit.

"That makes them Ann Arbor residents or guilty of fraud," Herbert said.

He said that rumors of Pagan's failure to live in the district have been circulating for some time and recent scandals at both the state and federal levels prompted him to investigate the matter. He said he discovered the documents revealing that Pagan, 36, and her husband, Karl Lopata, filed for a Homestead Tax Exemption on the Ann Arbor home as their "principal residence" irked him. Such an exemption is allowed by state law for a primary residence occupied by the owner.

Pagan, now in her second term in the state Legislature, was originally a Belleville resident before her family moved to Canton where she attended Plymouth-Canton schools and graduated from Salem High School before attending Western Michigan University.

She claims that Canton is and always has been her home and dismisses Herbert's claims as a political attack by Republicans attempting to derail her campaign.

"This is baseless and misleading," she said. "I have always claimed Canton as my residence."

Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist confirmed that Pagan registered to vote in Canton in 2012 and her husband registered in Canton last July.

Herbert disagreed and said a Google search claims that Lopata was registered to vote in Ann Arbor.

Pagan claims that only her husband signed for the principal residence exemption and that while she is the co-owner of the property, she did not seek the tax deduction. She further stated that the home is "rental property" which also raised a red flag for Herbert.

He claims that if this is rental property it should be registered with Ann Arbor which he claims is required. He said there was no such registration he could find.

"It's clear that we are being lied to and the only reason (Pagan) maintains an address in Canton is to hide where she really lives with her husband," Herbert said in a press release. "I believe not only should she not be allowed to be re-elected, but should be removed from office and that she and her husband be investigated for possible fraud and perjury."

Pagan said she moved back to Canton in 2011 and started her own business, "dedicated to civic and community engagement."

George Gostias, Herbert's attorney who filed the suit against the Wayne County Elections Bureau seeking her removal from office, said that he has every confidence that the claims against Pagan are valid.

"My client is deeply offended that his state representative, Kristy Pagan, does not live in the district she claims to represent. In 2016 she purchased a home in Ann Arbor.

"She claimed a Homestead Tax Exemption on that Ann Arbor home, saving her more than $2,600 per year, all while claiming to still live in Canton. She has committed perjury and defrauded the people of Michigan," Gostias said.

The complaint is requesting that votes for Pagan not be counted in the Nov. 6 election as she is not a qualified candidate under state election law.

Rep. Kristy Pagan

"I know it is too late to have her name removed from the ballot," Herbert said, but I don't think voters for her should count," Herbert said.

The case is now before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Robert Columbo although no hearing date on the matter had been scheduled by press time.

"Joe Barone is a great father to our two daughters, Olivia & Isabelle, he's my law partner in our Plymouth law office, and he's also my former husband. Joe loves our Plymouth-Canton community, and is dedicated to continuing to make it the best place to live for all of us! Joe is honest, intelligent and hard-working, and he understands and has proven that true dedication to our community takes years of community involvement. I kindly ask that you vote for Joe Barone on November 6th so that he can continue to work for us as our Wayne County Commissioner."

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INKSTER - ROMULUS

Public safety millage crucial to city

Romulus voters will be asked to approve a ballot proposal to provide funding for fire and police service in the city.

"We're asking residents to invest in public safety," commented Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff.

The public safety millage on the ballot in Romulus Nov. 6 asks voters to approve 4 mills for a period of five years to be used only for fire and police services. Romulus residents can call the assessor's office at (734) 942-7520 to find out what they will pay if the question is approved by voters. Officials said fire and police services make up 60 percent of the city general fund budget and Burcroff said public safety is a vital service that government provides. Failure to approve the millage increase would lead to cuts in funding for fire, police and other essential services.

"By state law, the millage funds could only be used to help support fire and police services," Burcroff said. Romulus has experienced a tremendous loss of revenue in recent years. Taxable value dropped 36 percent between 2008 and 2016. Experts predict it will not return to 2008 levels until 2041. In addition, Romulus lost $9.4 million of state revenue sharing since 2002. These are the two primary sources of revenue for the city.

The city has already implemented multiple cost-saving initiatives including a reduction in staffing resulting in 49 fewer full-time employees than 10 years ago, Burcroff noted.

"It's imperative that we get this millage passed," said Romulus Police Chief Jadie Settles.

Burcroff explained in an earlier interview that the current situation is not the result of any mismanagement or undue expense, but rather one of history. When Romulus incorporated as a city in 1970, the city charter called for 10 mills to fund local government in what was largely then a farming community. When the full-time police department was formed in 1983, there was no increase in the millage rate. When the full-time fire department was formed in 1999, again, there was no increase in the millage rate.

While the number of city employees, firefighters and police officers has decreased, the demands on first responders have significantly increased.

Ten years ago, there were 30 firefighters, 15 full-time and 15 paid on call). Currently, there are only 15 full-time and four part-time firefighters. Ten years ago, firefighters were responding to an average of eight calls per day. Today, crews average 14 calls per day, which is more than 5,000 per year.

There were 57 police officers in 2008-09 and there are 43 currently. Meanwhile, police runs increased from 17,064 in 2009 to 20,607 in 2017.

The city had to cut into the budget fund balance (the "savings account" or "rainy day fund") in order to maintain current operations this fiscal year and used $3.5 million of savings. The Fire and Police Millage would alleviate some of the drain on the Fund Balance/Savings Account by moving $2.9 million from the General Fund budget to a new Fire and Police fund. There is no "leftover" money. The money being displaced is less money being drained from the Fund Balance. If the trend were to continue without any action, there would be a negative fund balance by fiscal year 2020. This is unacceptable for any municipality, officials said.

"These are must-have services. When you pick up a phone and dial 9-1-1, a professionally trained person shows up as soon as possible. That must be sustained. We have done a lot of creative things. We owe it to the residents to be part of the solution," Burcroff said."

He added that the city administration has been fiscally responsible, creating service partnerships with Detroit Metropolitan Airport and other agencies, using grant writers, seeking sponsors for special events and creating foundations.

"We are making good spending decisions," Burcroff said. "We are doing more with less. I stand by our record. We have been very responsible with tax dollars. We have done a good job."

For residents wanting more information, officials are available by calling or visiting the mayor's office at Romulus City Hall, or view a town hall meeting and Mayor's Corner videos with Public Safety on the city YouTube channel www.youtube.com/CityofRomulus.

CITY OF Romulus MICHIGAN Home of Opportunity

Mayor Urges Residents to Get the Facts
Romulus Fire & Police Millage on the Nov. 6 Ballot

To the Residents of Romulus:

In my lifetime, no other election has been more crucial to our community than this Romulus fire and police millage on the Nov. 6 general election ballot. I urge you to know the facts before casting your vote.

Firefighting and police protection are essential services in any community, but especially so in Romulus, as the demand on our first responders continues to increase. We have talked about the millage initiative at city council meetings, special meetings, and town halls and shared information on cable and social media. We have urged voters to attend those meetings and ask questions.

While no funding source was established prior to creation of both full time city fire and police departments, together, their departments account for about two-thirds of our city budget. Loss in property tax and failure of the state to provide Romulus its share of state revenue sharing (6 percent sales tax) more than $9 million dollars in the last 10 years we are coming to our residents out of necessity.

We have talked about the urgency of the situation, how the millage will allow the city to sustain current fire and police services and provide some expansion, including opening a second fire station. We have noted that without millage approval, all departments will face cuts to an already lean budget.

We hope that our information, our willingness to answer your questions and our transparency about the millage to support only fire and police services will help you.

This is not a problem the administration or city council can fix on their own, we need the public's support. As always, if you have questions or if we can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (734) 942-7571.

Sincerely,

Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff

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Legends raffle under way

The holiday season is approaching quickly, and Inkster Legends Founder and Director Fred Smiley and his volunteers are concentrating their efforts on their annual Christmas effort to help local families.

Each year, the Inkster Legends provides gifts and food for 100 families in need in Inkster. The group has been providing the help for families for seven years and volunteers are continuing the sale of raffle tickets for the drawing that supports the help for Inkster families.

Each raffle ticket is priced at $10 and offers a chance to win one of three grand prizes; an autographed basketball from the Harlem Globetrotters along with four tickets to a game or four tickets to the Detroit Pistons game against the Toronto Raptors on March 17 or four tickets to the Universoul Circus in Detroit.

Prizes this year include a weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel including breakfast; four tickets to the Henry Ford Museum; a Birthday Party Blast for 13 at the Romulus Athletic Center; a weekend stay at the Marriott Hotel; two racks of lamb from Fairway Meats; two tickets to a Music Hall performance; two ReNue teeth whitening packages at Cherryhill Dental; dinner for two at along with other prizes from Texas Roadhouse; dinner for two at Urban Soul; dinner for two at Famous Ford Garage; dinner for two at They Say and dinner for two at Red Lobster.

Smiley said there will be a bonus drawing this year for a Sunday soul food dinner for two at the Stardust Lounge.

The drawing will take place at the Sheraton Hotel at 6 p.m. Dec. 18, Smiley said, and winners do not have to be present to claim their prizes.

Smiley stressed that this raffle is the main fundraiser for the Christmas Giveaway which helps local families.

"We couldn't do it without all those who donate the prizes," he said, "we're very thankful for all the support for all these years."

To purchase tickets for the raffle, call Smiley at (734) 890-2478, Daniel Orr at (313)715-6700 or Larry Spencer at (313)520-8144.

CITY OF ROMULUS ORDINANCE NO. 2018-006

An ordinance to amend and restate Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Romulus Downtown Development Authority.

The City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan hereby ordains:

ARTICLE VI. - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 1990 PLAN
2018 Restated Plan means the Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan for the Romulus Downtown Development Area Number 1 and Development Area Number 2 for the City, as transmitted to the City Council by the authority for public hearing, and confirmed by this article, copies of which plan are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Sec. 12-149. - Definitions through Section 12-162, Agreement with taxing jurisdictions.

The full Amended Ordinance may be viewed at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI. 734-942-7540.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus on this 8th day of October, 2018. Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Romulus City Clerk

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

Introduced: 09-24-2018, Second Reading 10-08-2018, Published/Effective: 11-01-2018

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 2018

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-359 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 1, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-360 2B. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 1, 2018 – Open Session, City Purchasing Ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner
4. Chairperson's Report
Jan Lemmon, Chairperson – Cemetery Board of Trustees thanked the VFW for their help in preparing for the Medal of Honor Ceremony for Charles Cawetzka. She also announced that the spaghetti fundraiser dinner for the VFW raised $770. Jazmine Danci, Community Outreach Department, spoke about the upcoming Fall Festival on Friday, Oct. 12; and, she thanked the sponsors of the event - Wayne County Community College, Wings Credit Union, the local firefighters union, and the Romulus DDA.
18-361 4A. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to grant a no-fee permit for a road closure from Hunt Street between Goddard and Bibbins on Friday, October 12, 2018 from 5 to 8 p.m. for the Fall Festival event. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report
Mayor Burcroff spoke about the Paint N' Pour event which raises money for the future Romulus Senior Center hair salon. The mayor presented a video of upcoming City events. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-363 5B. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 18/19-09 for a two-year bid (bid to terminate on September 30, 2020) to the lowest bidder, Compton Press Industries, for the quarterly printing, handling, and mailing of the City's newsletter at the pricing reflected in the company's bid. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Barden, Roscoe, Talley. **Nays** – Abdo, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Failed**.
6A. Clerk's Report
18-364 6A1. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Williams** to concur with City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg to grant approval for the mayor and clerk to enter into a one-year services agreement with CivicPlus, Inc. for the City of Romulus meeting agendas and management solution software. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-365 6A2. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with City Assessor, Julie Albert, and grant approval for the mayor and clerk to execute a "Release of Deed of Trust" for 38287 Tyler Road aka 80-069-99-0049-009, as prepared by City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-366 6A3. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-14 which was introduced at the Council meeting of October 1, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-367 6A4. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to schedule a public hearing for Monday, Oct. 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to hear comments and discuss the City Purchasing Ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-368 6A5. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of Romulus DDA Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan which was introduced at the Council meeting of September 24, 2018. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.
6B. Treasurer's Report
7. Public Comment
8. Unfinished Business
18-369 8A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to award Bid ITB 18/19-09 for a two-year bid (bid to terminate on September 30, 2020) to Johnston Lithograph, Inc. for the quarterly printing, handling and mailing of the City's newsletter at the pricing reflected in the company's bid. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – Roscoe. **Motion Carried**.
9. New Business
10. Communication
Councilwoman Talley spoke about the Romulus Fire Department open house that was held this past weekend; and, she announced a pancake fundraiser will be held for Pastor Kren on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Community Methodist Church. Mayor Burcroff thanked Block's Market for the donations of pumpkins and apples to the Fire Department open house.
18-370 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-19 in the amount of $1,319,814.14. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 8, 2018.

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Wayne - Westland

Wayne-Westland schools seeking bond issue

Voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools District will be asked to approve a school bond for building/maintenance issues.

If approved by voters in Wayne, most of Westland, parts of Canton, Inkster and Romulus, owners of homes valued at $100,000 would pay an additional $88 per year which would prevent several negative changes in the district.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shelley Holt has stated that without the $158 million bond, necessary repairs impacting the safety of students would still have to be funded. The new bond replaces the current bond which expires this year. If approved, the proposal would return the millage rate to less than the 5.56 mills residents paid in 2015, Holt said. The bond will generate only about half what the district needs in repairs and infrastructure work, Holt said.

If approved, Holt said the bond funding would be used to pay for crucially-needed paint and carpeting in classrooms and the installation of sally port entrances to the schools to prevent outsiders from gaining unauthorized entrance to the buildings. Upgrades to the district phone system and necessary work at several school buildings is also needed to accommodate the K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 grade configuration.

The bond issue would also pay for a new field house at John Glenn High School and the construction of a corridor to connect the auditorium to Wayne Memorial High School. The most crucial expense, however, is the needed purchase of buses to transport students. Eighty percent of the fleet must be replaced and the vehicles each have more than 200,000 miles on them, Holt said. The district was forced to lease buses recently to accommodate the number of students needing transportation. The bus replacement would be a one-time expense, Holt said, and then the buses would be replaced on an as-needed basis.

Holt stressed that the bond request would cover only the most basic needs of the district and that approval was crucial to the well being of students.

Recalled councilman files as ballot write-in

Wayne City Councilman John P. Rhaesa was unopposed in his bid to become mayor Nov. 6 until last week.

Recalled Councilman Christopher Sanders filed paperwork on Thursday, declaring his intent to become a write-in candidate for the two-year mayoral term. Sanders originally challenged Rhaesa for the office but was removed from the ballot by order of Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Robert Columbo. Rhaesa challenged Sanders' eligibility to seek the office in court in light of about $4,000 in past campaign fees still owed to Wayne County. Sanders altered the affidavit of identity required by the Wayne County Clerk to state that the fees were not paid and Columbo ruled in favor of Rhaesa and determined that Sanders' candidacy was invalid and ordered his name to be removed from the ballot.

A subsequent court challenge by Sanders, claiming that Rhaesa had violated election law and had also owed fees to the county at the time of filing election paperwork stating that all such fees were paid. Columbo found no merit with that suit and found for Rhaesa. Sanders said that he was appealing that ruling.

Sanders was recalled from his council term during a special election in May based on his vote to reschedule city elections to coincide with national dates, saving the city about $40,000 each election cycle. Petitions to recall the other elected officials who voted in favor of the change failed for lack of signatures.

Jacob Johnson, a one-year city employee, also filed paperwork as a write-in mayoral candidate. He announced his candidacy on social media suggesting better marketing for the city.

Mayor Susan Rowe opted not to seek re-election.

In a social media post announcing his candidacy, Sanders said, "I have remained mostly quiet this election cycle, as I am in litigation, still with Wayne County Candidate John Rhaesa. Currently, our case is pending in front of the Michigan Court of Appeals, awaiting a hearing.

"I fully don't expect to win this race, as I have done no campaigning. However, I had to register as a candidate to secure my right to move forward in the judicial process.

The city has been mired in controversy since a claim of a hostile work environment was filed by a city hall employee. That claim prompted an independent 105-page investigative report, followed by a supplemental report, performed by an outside attorney who interviewed city hall employees and department heads. Despite the recommendations of the report, which cost the cash-strapped city about $48,000, none of the directions in the report have been implemented. A subsequent supplemental report regarding conduct of a city hall official has also been ignored by members of the city council, according to several residents critical of the current city manager.

For Wayne City Council/Ward 4 (four-year term), neither Brian Ewanciw nor Anthony Wayne Miller answered the LWV questionnaire. For Wayne City Council/Ward 5 (two-year term), neither Eric Cleeman nor Kelly Skiff responded to the LWV. For Wayne City Council/Ward 6 (two-year term), Philip A. Wagner answered the LWV questionnaire while Christopher Gietzen did not.

Wayne City Council responses are also available through the League of Women Voters website lwvmail@yahoo.com . The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has print guides and online sources (www.lwvmi.org, its state website and the LWV of Northwest Wayne County website of www.LWVnorthwestwayne.org.) The email address for the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is lwvmail@yahoo.com .

Christopher Sanders

Westland clerk expects large voter turnout

Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc expects a large turnout next Tuesday and his office is prepared to handle the anticipated crowds.

"From what folks are saying to me, the interest is more directed toward the candidates than to the proposals. The Big Three: governor, secretary of state, and attorney general are getting the most attention, but we also have federal, state, county, school, and judge seats, proposed constitutional amendments, a controlled substance proposal, and hefty millage requests. Each of the ballot issues and questions have a direct influence on all of us, and I hope voters consider and vote the entire ballot - both sides," LeBlanc said.

LeBlanc noted that part of his expectation of a large turnout Tuesday is the absentee ballot returns.

"AV's are slow to return, and that seems odd. Though only slightly less than 50 percent of the AV ballots have been returned as of today (Oct. 23), I still believe total voter turnout will exceed prior mid-term election turnout in Westland. I'll say 45 percent, give or take a few points."

LeBlanc had some advice for voter, too, about learning the real merits and drawbacks to both candidates and issues.

"First, turn the TV off, and I'm only half-kidding when I say that. Secondly, seek local opportunities to hear candidates and to listen to presentations related to the proposals. Thirdly, consider visiting websites hosted by impartial entities such as the League of Women Voters. And of course, our local libraries provide access to information via multiple media."

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He, like clerks throughout the area urged voters to use the absentee voter option if possible.

"I'll also offer a final comment to Westland's registered voters: please consider voting by absentee ballot. This allows the voter to take time at their kitchen table to consider all options and in some instances, to cast a more informed vote before submitting their ballot. Applications to vote by AV ballot, along with a sample ballot for every Westland voting precinct and other information related to voting can be found here: http://www.cityofwestland.com/departments/cityclerk"

Westland has 61,517 registered voters and of those, 11,378 are Permanent Absentee Voters (PAVs). By Oct. 23, 9,744 AV ballots had been issued in Westland, with 4,821 of those AVs returned. LeBlanc noted difficulty in comparing that to past general elections. "When I assumed office as the Westland City Clerk on Jan. 1, 2016, we had 61,003 voters, and of those 4,600 were PAVs. Then I initiated an outreach effort. The results were incredible. In November 2016, we had 9,700 PAVs. Today we have 11,378 PAVs." LeBlanc said past general election totals in Westland were: 2016: 10,893 AV voters, 28,397 voted at polls, 39,290 total voters. 2014: 6,165 AV voters, 15,700 voted at polls, 21,865 total voters. 2012: 9,359 AV voters, 25,608 voted at polls, 34,967 total voters. 2010: 4,657 AV voters, 16,001 voted at polls, 20,658 total voters.

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Belleville - Northville

Northville clerk suggests voters learn about issues

Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said she expects turnout in the township to be about 79 percent of the voters who turned out for the presidential election in 2016.

She said that as of Oct. 23, Northville Township had issued 6,492 absentee ballots. Registered voters in Northville Township total 21,321, said Hillebrand.

For Northville Township in 2016, 7,345 absentee ballots were returned; in 2014, 5,000 absentee ballots were returned there, compared to 4,396 for 2010.

Hillebrand said, "I imagine all ballot proposals" are generating strong interest in the township.

Hillebrand recommends voters educate themselves with information on the township website, League of Women Voters site, Google information and newspapers.

City of Northville voters will choose between former Northville Township Trustee Chris Roosen and Muhammad Aslam to fill a term on the board of trustees.

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Roosen, a Republican, finished the Aug. 7 balloting with a total of 1,437 votes. His total was followed by Scott Frush who received 1,161 votes. Richard Allen finished with 1,036 votes and Priyah Marwah received about 7 percent of the votes cast.

Allen was appointed in December 2016 to the board to fill the unexpired term of the late Marvin Gans.

Roosen previously served on the board from 2004-2012. The winner of the Nov. 6 General Election will complete Allen's term ending Nov. 11, 2020.

Four candidates, Suzanne Lynn, James Mazurek, Roland Hwang and Angela Jaafar are seeking three seats on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education.

Five candidates are vying for four terms on the Northville Library Board, including: Deborah L. Stanifer Thomas L. Thompson Nicholas A. Vlisides Suzanne Schimanski-Gross and Alan Somershoe.

Belleville official expects state proposals to be OK'd

Sherri Scharf, city clerk/treasurer for the City of Belleville, said predictions are that all three state proposals on the ballot will be approved by voters.

"I can't really answer for Belleville residents, but my understanding is that Wayne County election officials believe all three proposals on the ballot will be passed by the voters," Scharf said.

"I don't have a crystal ball but, as you are likely aware, the August primary saw the largest voter turnout in more than 40 years. Wayne County is expecting another record-breaker for the November general election. As such, they have asked the county's contracted ballot printing company to issue one ballot for every registered voter in each jurisdiction so that clerks are adequately prepared for a large turnout."

Scharf said Belleville voters can find election information and an absentee ballot application form on the website: www.belleville.mi.us under the clerk's department.

"As far as preparation, I like the following websites for doing non-partisan research on Michigan elections/candidates/proposals: Michigan.gov/vote and Ballotpedia.org/Michigan", she said.

Scharf didn't use the November 2016 U.S. Presidential primary/general elections to compare, "as they were all about electing a president, which automatically means the numbers will be skewed (i.e. much higher turnout than regular primaries and general elections).

" If memory serves, I believe we processed 525 absentee ballots for the November 2016 election - and there were long lines at the polling place as well. As you can see in the absentee ballot comparison for this election, I have already issued 408 absentee ballots ballots, and continue to get requests for them, so I expect that number to continue to increase right up to Nov. 6," Scharf said.

Rotary Club seeking volunteers for Saturday packaging

Volunteers from the Rotary Club of Belleville, part of Rotary District 6400, hope to package more than 100,000 meals during the 9th annual Feed the World Day 2018 Saturday.

The effort is part of the Kids' Coalition Against Hunger and volunteers will work from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Nov. 3 to package meals to aid in the effort to alleviate child hunger in the world. Worldwide, more than 14,000 children die every day due to malnutrition. In America, more than 17.5 millions households struggle with hunger, every day, according to national statistics.

Volunteers of all ages are needed for the effort. The packaging will take place in the Ted Scott Community Room at Wayne County Community College in Belleville. Setup will begin at 6:30 a.m. A generous portion of the food packages will be used to help fight hunger in the local area.

The Ted Scott Campus of the Wayne County Community College is located at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger is a 501 c (3) humanitarian good aid organization. The mission of the group is to significantly reduce the number of undernourished children locally and around the world. The fully nutritious meals are packaged by volunteers and delivered to starving people with the help of worldwide partners.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger was started by Dr. Donald E. Burwell in 1998. The humanitarian crusade has partnered with many service groups, churches, businesses and volunteers. The group produces million of meals a year that are sent to local community food banks and shelters. Food is also shipped to 20 countries globally while a portion of the packaged meals are stored for disaster relief.

One Kids Coalition Against Hunger Food pack will provide six adult meals at 28 cents per meal, or $1.68 per packet.

Cash donations to help purchase the meals are also needed. Checks can be mailed to KCAH, Box 930794, Wixom, Mi 48393. The memo line should read: Feed the World 2018.

For more information about the packaging day, contact Jim Perri at jhjperr1@gmail.com or call (313) 550-0494.

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Canton - Plymouth

Trustees OK repairs to Hanford, Saltz roads

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

As Wayne County road funds have become available, the Canton Township Board of Trustees unanimously OK'd an intergovernmental agreement with the county to fund upgrades for Hanford and Saltz roads.

Wayne County is funding $388,000 with a 20 percent required match from Canton bringing the road project total to $485,000. Tim Faas, municipal services director for Canton Township, showed trustees slides on Oct. 23 including concrete joint failure on Saltz, west of Canton Center Road.

Faas noted some such failures measure 8-10 inches, and that there are also longitudinal and transverse panel failures on Hanford and Saltz roads.

Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist noted there's not yet been a freeze-and-thaw cycle this year or snow. He questioned residents' reaction to spending in a few months, noting they'll likely say, "We passed a road millage, why are there potholes?"

Siegrist noted, with Supervisor Pat Williams concurring, that Wayne County is mainly responsible for filling potholes. Canton Township voters in the August primary approved a 1.45-mill road measure, with funds allocated on a formula based on road maintenance status such as state, county, or local/subdivision.

Trustees touched on Oct. 23 local road money and its uses.

Faas answered a township resident by noting Hanford will be upgraded from Beck to Haggerty. The intergovernmental agreement with Wayne County is on tap for discussion 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, at a Canton Township study session. Residents will be able to speak.

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Canton Leisure Services took front and center at the Oct. 23 meeting, with Director Greg Hohenberger and Deputy Director Jon LaFever displaying an award received for national reaccreditation. Hohenberger noted Jeanette Aiello, business operations coordinator for Canton Leisure Services, was especially helpful in recognition for excellence in parks and recreation.

"It certainly takes everyone on our staff to do it," added Hohenberger of the award, also thanking the trustees.

On Sept. 26, 2018, Canton Leisure Services was recognized for excellence in the field of parks and recreation management by receiving reaccreditation and remaining one of only 171 agencies in the country holding national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). This accomplishment was announced in Indianapolis, Indiana, during the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) 2018 Congress and Legislative Forum. CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies.

The Canton Board of Trustees also reappointed Dawn Zuber and Craig Engel to the Planning Commission and Engel also to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Their three-year terms will end Dec. 31, 2021. Greg Demopoulus was appointed as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with his three-year term to expire on Dec. 31, 2021.

School district honors Canton Leisure Services

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education members recognized Canton Leisure Services at their Oct. 9 meeting, honoring the department as part of the "Celebrating Success" agenda.

Canton Leisure Services employees were honored for their assistance in organizing the 2018 Plymouth Canton Community Schools Back to School Bash.

School board Trustee Kim Crouch recognized Canton Leisure Services for the key role it played in providing Heritage Park as an outdoor venue and for assisting event organizers in the execution of this event this past August when more than 2,000 community members gathered in the park to celebrate the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.

"Canton Township is proud to partner with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools on this type of community-building event and is grateful for the recognition," said Greg Hohenberger, director of Canton Leisure Services. "We form these types of collaborations for a variety of reasons, but mostly to provide quality programs that also showcase community resources outside our agency."

This popular, annual event traditionally provides a variety of student performances and entertainment. In addition, local schools and community groups, clubs, and area resource centers are onsite providing valuable information to position children for success in the coming school year.

Leisure Services staff in attendance at the Plymouth-Canton Community School Board meeting for recognition included: Jennifer Girard, Justin Wagoner, and Abby Robichaud, who were instrumental in the event planning of this outdoor special event.

Canton Leisure Services staff Justin Wagoner, left, and Abby Robichaud, Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board Trustee Kim Crouch, and Canton Leisure Services Recreation Specialist Jennifer Girard were all smiles after the department was honored by the school district.

Canton Leisure Services has been recognized for excellence in the field of parks and recreation management by receiving re-accreditation in 2018 and remains one of only 171 agencies in the country currently holding national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). For more information about Canton Leisure Services, call 734/394-5360 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

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International Festival returns this Saturday

Visitors can experience music, dance, and drama from around the world when the Canton International Festival returns to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill this Saturday, Nov. 3

Performances during his annual cultural and educational festival will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event celebrates the diversity of Canton and surrounding communities through song and dance on the main stage of The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

This year the featured performers include: Taiji Stream - Yong Style Tai Chi; Yangtze Melody Group; The Tim O'Hare Traditional School of Irish Dance, Ann Arbor and Plymouth; Calivia Dance Group with Jessie Li; Heart Melody Group; Asian Indian Dance with Parul Shah; Canton Qi Pao Team with Grace Fei; Sunshine Children's Choir with Sherry Yan; Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers Lodge #53; The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan; Inner-action Dance with Sharon Kang and Anna Lou; The Troy Chinese Classic Music Guzheng Team; The O'Kennedy Irish Dance School; Michelle Zhang, Soloist; Fei Zhou, Belly Dance; Kayla Li, Soloist; Dai Dance; Bollyburn Dancers; Hoaloha-Polynesian, New Zealand & Tahitian Dance; Ann Hua Dance; Kuchipudi Dance Group with Sailaja Pullela; Michigan New Century Chinese School (MNCCS); and Ann Arbor Jade Dance Studio.

Cultural displays, vendor tables, and an International Sweets Table offering treats from local stores and bakeries will be located in the lobby during the performance.

This event is presented by the all-volunteer Multicultural Committee of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage.

Tickets are $2 per person at the door; cash only. Audience members can get their hand stamped and come and go as they please throughout the day. Seating for this main stage production is general admission.

For more information about the Canton International Festival, call (734)394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

The International Festival will also include a 1:30 p.m. special performance by soprano Ryan Blankenburg and mezzo-soprano Kaitlyn Wiegand, presented by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan. The performers will be accompanied by piano collaborator Joshua Marzan.

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, founded in 1988 and based in Canton, is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging and supporting the development of young opera singers, and to fostering appreciation of the music of Giuseppe Verdi and other composers of opera and popular music for the theatre, for everyone's enjoyment and cultural enrichment.

Annual Fine Arts Exhibition winners named

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is currently exhibiting artwork from the 26th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition, bringing together works of artists from throughout southeast Michigan. The exhibit features the winners of the competition this year, judged by Amy Foster.

Winners of the exhibition this year include: Best of Show: Janet Kondziela, "Lone Iris" (Oil); Second Prize: James Tidwell, "Road Trip" (Oil); Third Prize: Susan Perrish, "Rainin' Down On Me" (Charcoal); Merit Award: Travis D. Erby "Blow Heart" (Colored Pencil); Merit Award: Dennis Gordon, "Perilous Journey" (Pen and Ink); Merit Award: Kathleen McNamee, "Gray's Ferry Triangle" (Watercolor); Merit Award: Marilyn Wynne, "Sweet Squares" (Photography); Honorable Mention: J. Susan Aitken, "Tranquil Garden" (Oil); and Honorable Mention: Chuck Schroeder, "The Violin" (Pen and Ink).

"As always, we are so delighted to bring back this exhibition, which has gained a tremendous reputation for featuring some of the best emerging artists in Michigan," said Joe Kvoriak, Canton performing arts coordinator. "This year's Canton Fine Arts Exhibition truly presents art for all ages and interests. Each year, we continue to see wonderful works in such a variety of media and always look forward to it."

More than 40 forty pieces were selected by juror Foster, who is a 1994 graduate of the Center for Creative Studies - College of Art and Design in Detroit. Foster received her education in the field of illustration, graphic design and the fine arts. Foster's true passion, she said, is drawing and her favorite subject matter is the figure - male or female, youthful or mature, clothed or tastefully nude. In 1999, Foster went into business for herself as a freelance artist and an art instructor. After teaching at a number of local institutions including her alma mater, now renamed the College for Creative Studies, she opened her art studio in Richmond. She still travels to teach workshops and some weekly classes, including her latest location, the Atelier Art Studio in Royal Oak.

Exhibited artists include: Jean-Paul Aboudib, Jim Aho, J. Susan Aitken, Zainab Arshad, Kevin Brazell, Mary Jo Caruana, Travis D. Erby, Myles Gallagher, Dennis Gordon, Rachel Hinz, Janet Kondziela, Kay Masini, Kathleen McNamee, Alexandria Milot, John Mrozik, John Mullinax, Barbara Eko Murphy, Susan Perrish, Anne Rouan, Chuck Schroeder, Brenda Beene Shackleford, Melissa Sheffer, Will Stanford, Donna Thompson, James Tidwell, Marty Walker and Marilyn Wynne.

The Canton Fine Arts Exhibition began in 1993 as an activity of Canton Project ARTS, a cultural programming body which provided various arts-related events and activities to the community. In 2004, Canton Project ARTS was absorbed by Canton Leisure Services and is currently guided by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage.

The exhibit is open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, during public performances at the theater; and by appointment by calling (734) 394-5308. The gallery, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, is closed on holidays. For more information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Happy Halloween
Jefferson Barns celebration draws large costumed crowd

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Violet Butler, 3, was glad to join her grandparents for Halloween fun Oct. 20 at the Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center. She willingly posed for a photo in her green costume with grandpa Jim Jeziorowski.

Outside collecting their pumpkins at the Harvest Festival Trunk or Treat were youngsters Chasidy Thomas, Maleyah Moses and Savannah Goodwin, joined by grownup family members Annette Lawrence and Ieisha Booker.

The Saturday fun featured pony rides, public safety demonstrations, music in the gym, and even "walking tacos" created by using bags of Fritos snacks.

"It is the only existing community built for defense workers in 1942," noted Hank Johnson, of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council.

When the two Wayne-Westland elementary schools in Norwayne closed, "We no longer had an ability to bring people together," said Johnson, who's worked with Mayor William Wild, city official Joanne Campbell and others on renovation and opening Jefferson-Barns for a new purpose. Campbell has worked with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development officials for the effort, and was in a colorful costume at the Halloween party.

Campbell is Housing and Community Development director for the City of Westland and helped "to rehabilitate the housing structures," Johnson said. During World War II, some 1,800 housing units, two elementaries, a municipal center and commercial center were built.

"The federal government actually built a place for people to worship. You'll never see that again," he said.

On July 9, 2015, the center and Norwayne garnered a federal government historical designation. Vic Barra of Veteran's Haven noted their involvement in the Jefferson-Barns Boxing Gym and gymnasium. "One of the things I realized early on this area is heavily blighted," said Barra. Few resources exist, but city and other help fixing the area up "helped to bring about a change of culture among the residents," Barra said.

Dumpsters were filled with debris, and "people started to realize change was possible and they liked it," Barra said. Park restoration is also part of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council efforts.

The City of Westland and Wayne-Westland Community Schools acknowledged community needs "and turned over the Jefferson-Barns School to become the Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center," he said. "That was no small undertaking," as the former school was in disrepair.

"Many of the light switches didn't work. We immediately rolled up our sleeves and started the renovation," said Barra. "When people believe their world is going to be different, they gravitate toward the positive rather than the negative."

The men showed the hallway photos of the Norwayne Hall of Fame, founded in 2017 and constructed by Arthur Warren, also a Citizens Council member. The Hall of Fame, which includes World War II local physician Dr. C. Kenneth Dryer, is for those who started in Norwayne, did well and give back.

Prominent boxer Jeff Styers, a driving force behind the boxing gym at Jefferson-Barns, is being inducted into the local Hall of Fame now, as is Chicago businessman Michael Cayley.

"Under the direction of Mr. Johnson, it was very easy. He gave me the concept. This is just the base" of more to come, Warren said.

The three men showed with pride a butterfly/children's garden outdoors. Johnson said kids are learning "what is kale and how you use it. We grew strawberries and made preserves. In the summertime, this place is magic."

He added small weddings will be ideally suited to the garden, which includes children's art creations such as painted rocks and more. The older part of Jefferson-Barns from 1943 was actually of more solid construction than the 1973 addition, the men agreed.

"We're glad that we did this," said Warren. Johnson noted boxing gym youth get tutoring for academics and mow lawns and shovel local snow to help residents, for their community service.

Many adults at the Oct. 20 party sported costumes, and enjoyed music, colorful and family-friendly decorations and each other's company. Joan Hanawalt was among Reading Room volunteers working that day at Jefferson-Barns, and wore a witch hat. William P. Faust Public Library of Westland librarians and volunteers are working with the Reading Room volunteers at Jefferson-Barns farther south in the city to get books to those of all ages.

Family pumpkins were the order of the day Oct. 20 at Jefferson-Barns for Annette Lawrence, upper left, with Ieisha Booker and Chasidy Thomas, Maleyah Moses, and Savannah Goodwin.

Joan Hanawalt is among the volunteers who staff the Reading Room at Jefferson-Barns.

Violet Butler, 3, enjoys time at the Oct. 20 Jefferson-Barns party

Return of Ranger celebrated

Yesterday was a big day at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne when most of 3,000 employees returned to begin building the 2019 Ranger.

Local officials, union representatives Ford and executives celebrated the return of the Ranger to the plant during a special event last week, but the workers returned yesterday following an $850 million retrofitting of the plant to accommodate the building of the mid-size trucks.

Returning the Ranger to the Michigan Avenue plant was part of the 2015 contract negotiations with the UAW, Ford officials recently noted. Following a secret meeting between company officials and union representatives three years ago, Ford made the decision to send production of the Focus and C-Max cars formerly made in Wayne to Mexico and make the necessary modifications to build the mid-size Ranger truck in Wayne. The smaller cars had been produced in Wayne for more than 10 years, according to a Ford spokesman.

Production of the popular Ford Bronco is also scheduled to be moved to the Wayne plant in 2020, officials said. It will be a homecoming of sorts as the Bronco had been built in Wayne for 30 years, 1966 through 1996.

Plant Manager Erik Williams said that the plant has been making preparations since January of 2017 for the change. He said the move to Wayne was a significant milestone for Ford Motor Co. for the area as a whole and for American manufacturing. He said the move to the Wayne plant was "a momentous event."

Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe acknowledged the importance of the decision to move the Ranger to the Michigan Avenue plant, one she said keeps her city on the map. She said this venture and the recent opening of the Amazon fulfillment center in Romulus are important to the economic vitality of the area.

She said that the move of companies into the area is part of the revitalization of local cities.

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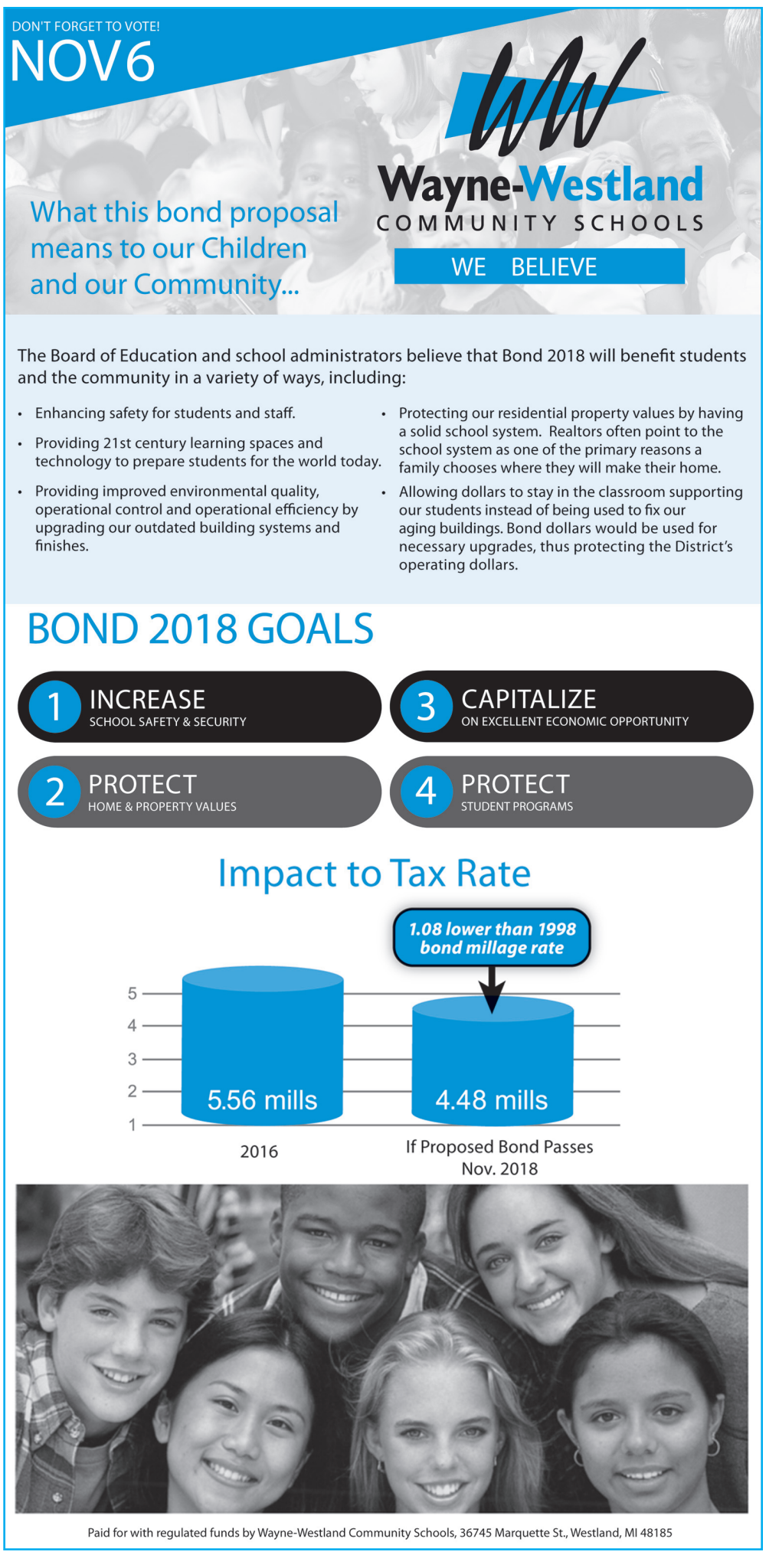
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• Providing improved environmental quality, operational control and operational efficiency by upgrading our outdated building systems and finishes.
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Calendar of events

Donations for veterans' holiday meals sought

Westland Mayor William R. Wild, State Rep. Robert Kosowski and Vic Barra, president of the Wayne Ford Civic League, are leading the fifth annual drive to provide Thanksgiving meals for veterans' and active-duty military families who may be in need..

Donations can be made in support of these efforts online by visiting the Wayne Ford Civic League Facebook page or in person at the Wayne Ford Civic League, located at 1661 N. Wayne Road. Donations can also be dropped off at Wild's office, located inside Westland City Hall at 36300 Warren Road.

Westland veterans should call the office of Wild or Kosowski to register for their meal. Meals will be dispersed from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Wayne Ford Civic League. Those looking to participate must register by Thursday, Nov. 14.

Special arrangements or delivery options are available for families that may need assistance if requested when the family registers at one of the offices.

To register for the holiday meal, call Wild's office at (734)467-3200 or Kosowski's office at (517) 373-2576.

City hall exhibits artwork

Members of the Three Cities Art Club will exhibit art at the Westland Gallery at City Hall through Nov. 29. The Gallery is located in the west wing, to the left when entering Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. The gallery is open during regular city hall office hours.

The exhibition will include original works done in watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, charcoal, pastel, airbrush, and photography. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. Purchase original art starting at $75. For further information, contact Marilyn Meredith at (313) 231-3939 or email marilynmeredith@wowway.com.

Cash For College raffle under way

The Northville Educational Foundation will host the drawing for $25,000 cash to use toward future tuition, current tuition or payment of student loans on Nov. 16.

Tickets for the raffle are now on sale at supportNEF.org and are priced at $50 each or three for $100. There will be a maximum of 1,500 tickets sold. If tickets sales total less than $50,000, the prize will revert to a 50-50 drawing.

The announcement of the winner will be made during the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony in downtown Northville.

Register to Make A Difference

Plymouth Community United Way is seeking volunteers to help make a difference in the community.

The annual Make a Difference Day will take place on Saturday, Nov. 17 this year and the community group is hoping to provide enough volunteers to rake leaves and provide light outdoor labor for senior citizens and those with disabilities in both Plymouth and Canton.

Volunteers will be helping to provide fall clean-up in both communities. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at Plymouth First United Methodist Church. After breakfast, teams will head out to homes in the community.

Volunteers are asked to register with Erica Garbacz at (734) 453-6879 x5 or erica.garbacz@pcuw.org or online at www.plymouthunitedway.org/difference2018.

Home Tour tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the 2018 Northville Holiday Home Tour, presented by the Northville Community Foundation. This year's Holiday Home Tour will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16 and 17. The 2018 Holiday Home Tour will also feature a refreshment stop at the Tipping Point Theatre in downtown Northville. Guests can enjoy light refreshments and also enter to win two tickets to a future Tipping Point Theatre production.

Tickets are $25 in advance and $30 the day of the event.

To purchase tickets, visit Pear-Aphernalia, Gardenviews, Haven of Northville, or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Tickets may also be purchased online by visiting www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org or by phone at (248) 374-0200. Tickets are limited and the tour does sell out nearly every year.

Addams Family visits Westland

Inspire Theatre will present The Addams Family, The Musical at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2 and 3 and at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 and Sunday, Nov. 4.

The play features the family dynamic when Wednesday Addams find her true love in a 'normal' young man and attempts to enlist Gomez' help in keeping the secret from her mother, Morticia, as a dinner for the combined families is planned.

The theatre is located at 33455 Warren Road in Westland. Tickets are priced at $17 and available at inspiretheatre.cicketleap.com.

For more information, call (734)751-7057.

School bond vote is topic

Members of the Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education have authorized a bond question on the Nov. 6 General Election ballot.

Information about the necessity for the bond and the improvements it will fund will be discussed during a meeting at 6 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Dyer Senior Center, 6745 Marquette St, Westland, MI 48185.

The meeting is open to the public and Dr. Shelley Holt, superintendent of schools will present information about the proposal. Members of the Bond Action Team will be available to answer questions.

Dixieland Band to perform

The West Side Ramblers will provide free entertainment playing Dixieland/Bluegrass Music on the first Thursday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Burger Night at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325. Appearances are Nov. 1, and Dec. 6.

There will be a limited menu available from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The group comprises five veteran musicians - Morgan Humecky on vocals, lead guitar and banjo; Sherry Humecky on the hammered dulcimer; Brian Newsom on chord melody/rhythm banjo; Kim Dominick on electric bass and Bob Ervin, rhythm guitar and vocals.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email

Artisan Market is Saturday

Preparations are currently under way for the First Annual Holiday Artisan Market, a one-day special event hosted by the Canton Farmers Market, scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. This special market will take place indoors in the banquet center of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

More than 25 vendors will be onsite offering a variety of handmade merchandise from local artisans to help visitors with holiday shopping. There will be resident food trucks on site.

"We are excited to offer this special opportunity to find handcrafted items with unique flair," said Sheree Buckman, Canton Farmers Market coordinator. "The wealth of creativity in our community is enabling us to bring come fantastic products to our market that are sure to make some great gifts this holiday season."

Admission is $1 per person and will be donated to a local charity. Don't miss this chance to find that one-of-a-kind holiday gift, while supporting local vendors, Buckman said.

For more information about the Canton Farmers Market's First Annual Holiday Artisan Market, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

AARP Smart Driver Class set

The Wayne Senior Services department is offering an AARP Smart Driver classroom course from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7. Check in starts at 9:15 a.m.

This four-hour AARP Driver Safety Refresher Course will discuss: techniques for handling left turns; right-of-way and roundabouts; understanding how to reduce traffic violations; crashes and the risk of injury and proven driving methods to help keep motorists and passengers safe on the road.

This course does not qualify students for an insurance discount unless drivers have also taken the 8-hour AARP course within the last 3 years.

To register, call 1-877-846-3299 or visit www.aarp.org/drive. Course is

The fee is $15 AARP members (with membership card/number), $20 for all others.

The classes will take place at the HYPE Recreation Complex, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Garden Club to meet

The Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7 at Ward Presbyterian Church. Members should enter the building at door six or seven.

The speaker will be Julie Stoneman who will discuss protecting natural habitats

The meeting is open to guests and light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (248) 202-1518

Harvest Tea is served

The Wayne Public Library will serve a Harvest Tea at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10. The event is a fundraiser for the library.

The menu will include sandwiches, treats and tea along with a raffle of gift baskets.

The event will be catered by Victoria's Tea Salon. Tickets are $35 for an individual or $210 for a table of seven. Tickets are available for purchase at the library circulation desk. This event is expected to sell out so early purchase is recommended by organizers.

The Harvest Tea will be served at the library, 3737 South Wayne Road in Wayne.

Blues greats to entertain

The Dale Robertson Band returns to the Elks on Tuesday Nov. 13 with blues sounds for a night of fun and dancing. Dale Robertson is on harmonica and vocals. Joining him are Christopher Leigh on guitar and vocals, Neno Blag on bass, and Jake Segall on drums.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

DriverTEK Workshop set

Wayne Senior Services will offer a DriverTEK Workshop from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14 at the HYPE recreation complex in Wayne

The cost is $5 per person and the workshop will inform drivers of the ways new car technology works can make driving safer and more enjoyable.

The Smart DriverTek workshop, developed jointly by AARP Driver Safety and The Hartford, offers an interactive, 90-minute session.

The workshop will cover: the benefits of current and emerging vehicle safety technology; information about the smartest safety features in cars today and how to use them and details on backup cameras, lane-departure warnings, smart headlights, blind-spot warnings and more. Participants will receive a Smart DriverTek checklist that may be utilized after the workshop to examine the features of personal vehicles, or to serve as a resource for a future vehicle.

To register call the Wayne Senior Services office, (734) 721-7460 (voicemails are encouraged)or online at www.aarp.org/SDTEK

The HYPE complex is located at 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Comedy and music offered

The Ron Kischuk Quartet will perform at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Comedic Ron Kischuk will play trombone and do vocals. Joining him will be Jeff Halsey on bass, Gary Schunk on keyboard and Dave Taylor on drums.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

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